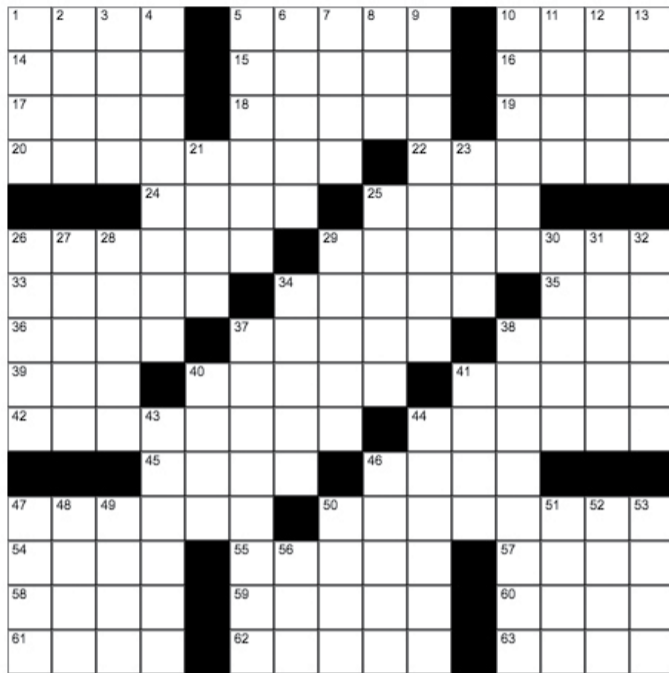


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CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



fox; 54- Four Corners state; 55- Register; 57- Old MacDonald's place; 58- Don't look at me!; 59- Without ___ in the world; 60- Annapolis inst.; 61- Soon; 62- Ran easily; 63- "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author;

Down

1- Stuck, after "in"; 2- Folk wisdom; 3- List-ending abbr.; 4- Cave in; 5- Church instruments; 6- Esther of "Good Times"; 7- Skin cream ingredient; 8- Corp. bigwig; 9- Directed toward home; 10- Need for liquid; 11- Tabula ___; 12- Oklahoma city; 13- Destiny; 21- Small children; 23- Head of France?; 25- Truman veep Barkley; 26- As ___ resort; 27- Gift recipient; 28- Big name in insurance; 29- Word after Anglo; 30- Wrinkle removers; 31- Bridget Fonda, to Jane; 32- Tenuous substances; 34- Grain stores; 37- Large-scale business transaction; 38- Not gross; 40- Payment for travel; 41- Blockhead; 43- Inside of; 44- Followed; 46- Beach locale; 47- Large marine food fish; 48- Prince William's school; 49- Western pact; 50- Enclose; 51- Burkina ___; 52- Yes ___?; 53- December day, briefly; 56- Sgt., e.g.;

Across

1- Sir Guinness; 5- Mountain spinach; 10- Not kosher; 14- ___-Rooter; 15- Logrolling contest; 16- Mandlikova of tennis; 17- Russian range; 18- Dimness; 19- ___ soup yet?; 20- Indication; 22- Online brokerage; 24- Topnotch; 25- Amazes; 26- Goes with the flow; 29- Boards that support a mattress; 33- Silt deposit; 34- Buffalo hockey player; 35- Narrow inlet; 36- Get in a hand; 37- Blended; 38- Digits of the foot; 39- D.C. pol; 40- Criminal; 41- Move rhythmically; 42- Teacart; 44- Throws; 45- Some nest eggs; 46- Preservative; 47- Shaped like the Big Top; 50- Arctic

BEETLE BAILEY



WORD OF THE DAY

Skirl

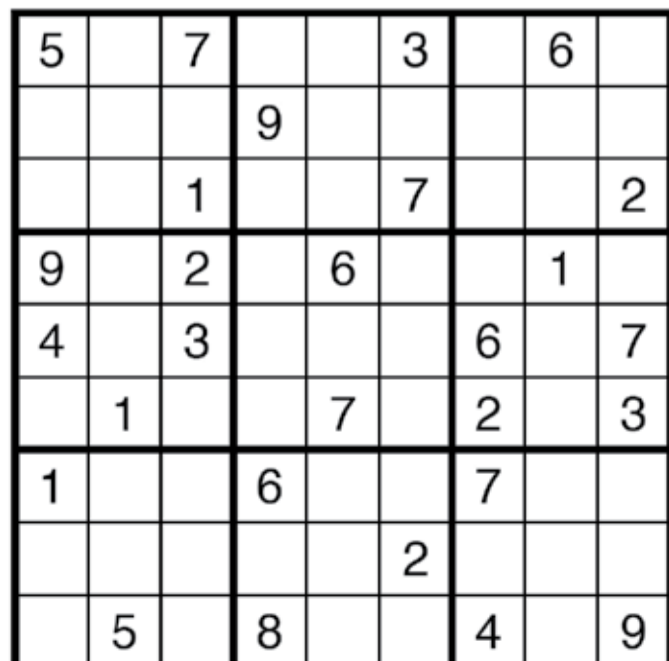
Definition:

1: of a bagpipe : to emit the high shrill tone of the chanter; also : to give forth music
2 : to play (music) on the bagpipe
Did You Know?

Not every musical instrument is honoured with its very own verb. But then, not every musical instrument emits a sound that quite matches that of a bagpipe. Depending on your ear, you might think bagpipes "give forth music," or you might be more apt to say they "shriek." If you are of the latter opinion, your thinking aligns with

the earliest sense of skirl—"to shriek." That early sense was used of screeching maids, winds, and the like. Scottish poet Robert Sempill first used it for bagpipes in the mid-1600s. The meaning of skirl has shifted over time, however, and these days you can use the verb without causing offense to bagpipers and bagpipe enthusiasts.

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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

YOUR STAR TODAY



Aries

This is a great day for you to get up on stage and make your presence known to the crowd. Let people know that you're the leader of the pack. There is a great need for you to take the helm now, and you shouldn't back away from this responsibility.



Taurus

This is a good day to add spark to your life. If things have seemed boring and stagnating lately, you may need to infuse a bit of excitement into the situation. Add flair and dynamism to the mix. Take matters into your own hands and actively pursue your goals. You have a strong inner sense of where you need to go.



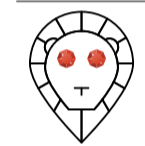
Gemini

You'll notice that your emotions are coming to a monthly climax today. Don't be alarmed, but do be cautious about lashing out at people for no reason. You may feel on edge. Unintended slights from others could push you over that edge in a fury of emotion.



Cancer

Extremes is the name of the game now, especially for you. Today the emphasis is on action. You're the one to call to get the job done. You won't wait another second to simply go for it. Your emotions are flowing, and you have an endless well of internal strength and resources. Use this power to your advantage.



Leo

Be adventurous and strike out into new territory. Be a pioneer. Work to make some new discoveries in the world. Today isn't a day to worry about consequences. It's a day to get things started. There is a great deal of fiery energy in the cosmos helping you in your quest for the new and fresh.



Virgo

Certain situations may be difficult to deal with today as they take an emotional spin. You're getting anxious. Things are getting started without the careful planning and consideration you feel is necessary. Try not to worry so much. Your own doubt is likely to hinder any project. Have faith that things will work out. Be bold.



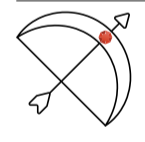
Libra

You should find that the general mood of the day is favourable to your personality style. Take this opportunity to present more of your thoughts and ideas to the world. Let your voice be heard. Use it with strength and vigour. You have partners and friends who are eager to hear what's on your mind.



Scorpio

The fog has lifted and you're ready to take off. The dreaminess you may have experienced lately has been nice, but now it's time to get moving again. Use all that you have learned from that recent internal processing and put it to use in the practical world.



Sagittarius

This is a terrific day for you, and you'll find that there is a great deal of power at your disposal. This is a day of new beginnings. You have the opportunity now to start over and create a solid emotional base from which to work. Rid yourself of negative feelings and self-doubt.



Capricorn

The fire is raging today, so be careful. Try not to be too impulsive in your actions. Your natural tendency may be to lash out against others without really thinking about the consequences. If you find yourself getting hot under the collar, you might need to take a step back from the situation and settle down.



Aquarius

Go for the gold. Today marks the beginning of the rest of your life. Treat it with respect. You may be on a crusade and your combative instincts could be working overtime. There's a lot of fuel in your engine, so don't worry about running out. The only thing you really need to be concerned about is possibly stepping on other people's toes. Make sure you consider how your actions affect others.



Pisces

You may feel as if someone is poking you today, urging you to get up and get moving. Don't be surprised if someone seems to be picking on you for no reason. Other people's lack of sympathy and sensitivity could be acute on a day like this. Try not to take it personally. Your hard outer shell may be put to the test in terms of its ability to protect your soft vulnerability.